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SUBJECT: KOREAN NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT

REF: (A) STATE 017877, (B) STATE 107775

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY KRATZER AND ROK MINISTER
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHOI YONG SOP INITIALLED SUMMARY
RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS REGARDING COOPERATION IN FIELD OF CIVIL
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY MORNING, JANUARY 24. IN RESPONSE REQUEST
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BY MINISTER CHOI, FINAL COPY OF RECORD INCLUDED PARA WHICH HAD

BEEN DROPPED FROM EARLIER DRAFT REGARDING USG READINESS TO RESUBMIT KORI II LOAN TO CONGRESS IN EVENT ROKS CANCELLED REPROCESSING FACILITY CONTRACT (PARA 6 REF A). INITIALLED TEXT SUMMARY RECORD BEING FORWARDED SEPTEL.

2. PRIOR TO INITIALLING, KRATZER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR POSITIVE APPROACH AND COOPERATION FROM ROK SIDE DURING DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED US HOPE FOR PROMPT DECISION ON REPROCESSING AND MADE POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 5, REF A. FINALLY KRATZER REQUESTED THAT FOR TIME BEING DOCUMENT BE HANDLED AS "CONFIDENTIAL". EMBASSY IS CLASSIFYING THIS MESSAGE AND SEPTEL CONTAINING FINAL TEXT OF RECORD "SECRET/EXDIS", IN VIEW FACT FINAL DECISION BY PRESIDENT PARK ON REPROCESSING ISSUE NOT YET MADE.

3. MINISTER CHOI SAID HE WOULD SEE PRESIDENT AT 1:00 P.M. TODAY TO INFORM HIM OF RESULTS DISCUSSIONS. PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO CHOI, WILL THEN MAKE FINAL DECISION WHICH CHOI THOUGHT WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO US THROUGH BLUE HOUSE CHIEF SECRETARY KIM CHONG YOM. CHOI SAID HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHEN THIS WOULD BE, BUT EVENTS NOW MOVING SO QUICKLY WE ANTICIPATE REACTION SHOULD COME QUICKLY.

4. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR STILES SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT FONMIN WOULD CONVEY ROK RESPONSE TO LATEST CANADIAN POSITION LATE IN AFTERNOON JANUARY 24. AS SUGGESTED REF B, CHARGE ALSO REITERATED TO STILES THAT US/ROK RECORD OF DISCUSSION MAKES CLEAR REFERENCE TO NEED FOR CANCELLATION OF REPROCESSING PLANT PURCHASE. STILES HAD BEEN AWARE OF THIS, BUT INDICATED OTTAWA HAD BEEN SEEKING FORMULATION WHICH WOULD SATISFY CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR SHORTER TERM IN EXPECTATION THAT US/ROK DISCUSSIONS WOULD BRING LONG-TERM RESULT. ERICSON UNQUOTE SISCO

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